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and  $R_3$  represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group.

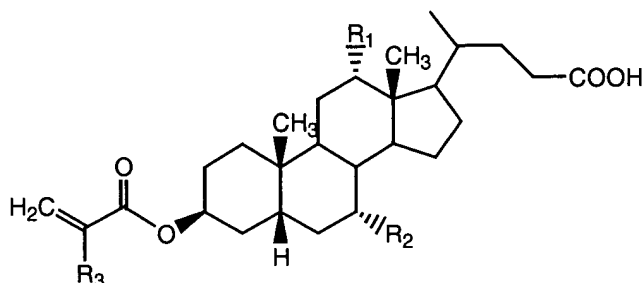
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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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The present invention provides a novel (meth)acrylic acid ester compound useful as a resin material for photosensitive compositions, which enables control of the molecular weight of a resin to be prepared. The novel (meth)acrylic acid ester compound is one represented by the following formula (I):



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